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- 1 When I returned to Czechoslovakia _____ I noticed several
high steel towers being constructed and anchored in concrete
bases in the vicinity of Prague. One place that I saw such
towers was about 15-20 km north of Prague, where they crossed the
Prague-Milnsk highway. _____ the towers were
being constructed was 15 km east of Prague, crossing the
Hradec Kralove highway, near the town of Sadska. I later learned
that this construction was to be a high-tension electrical line,
a new project included in the Five Year Plan for industrial
development. _____ the purpose was to link
the largest electrical power plant in Czechoslovakia located
in Ervenice 5031N-1332E northern Bohemia, with the new hydro-
electric plants being built in Slovakia. The reason for the
construction of the new line was to equalize distribution of
electrical power in both parts of the country by the
largest suppliers. In addition, in case the Ervenice power
supply should fail, power plants in Slovakia could furnish the
power, and vice-versa. The Ervenice power combine uses soft
coal, and the most abundant and best quality coal from the
Kladno region. This "balance line", which I had never before
constructed, was supposed to be capable of transmitting a
250,000 volt current. Construction was being hastened which
indicates that the project carried a high priority. Later I heard
rumors at this time that the project could play a double role, because
the industrial cooperation with Eastern Germany.

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2. The evening "Newsweek" broadcast 29 March 1952 on Radio Prague included a very short statement to the effect that on that same day a new hydroelectric power plant (hydroelektrárna) on the Morava River was put into operation. The announcement gave no further details or comments. This came as somewhat of a surprise to me because although I had heard of many plans to construct hydroelectric plants in Slovakia, I never heard of any construction planned on the Morava River. It would seem, however, that the most suitable location for a hydroelectric plant would be somewhere on the lower Morava, where the current is more powerful and the channel is wider.
3. Tvorba of 27 December 1951 contained an article about the new metallurgical combine, Klement Gottwald Foundry Works, in Kuncice nad Ostřavici /4948N-1818E. This combine, according to the newspaper was soon to have its own power plant with a capacity of more than one million kw. No further details were given.

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